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Status of documentation**Note by the Secretariat**

1. In accordance with paragraph 8 of the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX), the fifty-third session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination will be held at Headquarters from 3 to 28 June 2013.
2. In its resolution 1988/77 on its revitalization, the Council reiterated that the Secretariat should circulate relevant documentation in all working languages six weeks before the opening of sessions of the Council and its subsidiary organs.
3. In its resolution 53/208 B on the pattern of conferences, the General Assembly: (a) reiterated its request to the Secretary-General to ensure that documents were available in accordance with the six-week rule for their distribution simultaneously in the six official languages; (b) reaffirmed its decision that, if a report was issued late, the reasons for the delay should be indicated when the report was introduced, and (c) decided that, if a report was submitted late to the conference services, the reasons for the delay should be included in a footnote to the document.
4. In section IV of its resolution 64/230 on the pattern of conferences, the General Assembly expressed deep concern at the unprecedented high level of late submission of documentation, which, in turn, had a negative impact on the functioning of intergovernmental bodies, and, reiterating its request in its subsequent resolutions on the pattern of conferences, urged author departments to fully adhere to deadlines in meeting the goal of 90 per cent submission compliance.
5. Also in its resolutions on the pattern of conferences, the latest of which was resolution 67/237, the General Assembly reiterated its request that the Secretary-General direct all departments of the Secretariat to include the following elements in their reports:

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- (a) A summary of the report;
- (b) Consolidated conclusions, recommendations and other proposed actions;
- (c) Relevant background information.

6. In those same resolutions, the General Assembly also reiterated its request that all documents submitted to legislative organs by the Secretariat and expert bodies for consideration and action have conclusions and recommendations in bold print.

Annex

Status of preparedness of documentation for the fifty-third session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

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	E/AC.51/2013/1	Note by the Secretariat: annotated provisional agenda		
	E/AC.51/2013/L.1	Note by the Secretariat: status of documentation		
	E/AC.51/2013/L.2	Note by the Secretariat: reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 59/267)		
3.	Programme questions			
(a)	Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015			
	A/68/___	Report of the Secretary-General: consolidated report on the changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (General Assembly resolutions 58/269, 62/224 and 67/236)		
	A/67/6/Rev.1	Strategic framework for the period 2014-2015		
	A/68/6/___	Relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015		
	A/68/___	Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed revisions to the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (General Assembly resolution 67/236)		
(b)	Evaluation			
	A/68/___	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on strengthening the role of evaluation and the application of evaluation findings on programme design, delivery and policy directives (General Assembly resolution 62/224)		
	E/AC.51/2013/2	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on programme evaluation of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolution 66/8)		

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	E/AC.51/2013/___	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on programme evaluation of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (General Assembly resolution 66/8)		
	E/AC.51/2013/___	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on programme evaluation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (General Assembly resolution 66/8)		
	E/AC.51/2013/___	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on programme evaluation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 66/8)		
4.	Coordination questions			
(a)	Report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination			
	E/2013/___	Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2012/13 (Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX))		
(b)	New Partnership for Africa's Development			
	E/AC.51/2013/___	Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (General Assembly resolution 60/257)		
5.	Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit			
	(See E/AC.51/2013/L.2)			
6.	Provisional agenda for the fifty-fourth session			
	E/AC.51/2013/L.3	Note by the Secretariat: provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-fourth session of the Committee (Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII))		
7.	Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fifty-third session			
	E/AC.51/2013/L.4 and addenda	Draft report of the Committee		

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Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit**Note by the Secretariat**

1. In accordance with paragraph 6 of the terms of reference of the Committee for Programme and Coordination contained in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX), the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit concerning the economic, social and human rights programmes of the United Nations system, including the reports dealing with the United Nations Development Programme, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, shall be examined by the Committee, which shall report thereon to the Council and the General Assembly. The Assembly, in its resolution 67/236, endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on its fifty-second session, including its recommendation that the Assembly urge the Unit to intensify its efforts to introduce to the Committee reports relevant to the function of the Committee, bearing in mind subparagraphs 4 (d) and (e) of article 11 of the statute of the Unit (A/67/16, para. 7).
2. In accordance with subparagraphs 4 (d) and (e) of article 11 of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, when a report concerns only one organization, the report and the comments of the executive head thereon shall be transmitted to the competent organ of that organization not later than three months after receipt of the report for consideration at the next meeting of the competent organ; and, when a report concerns more than one organization, the report, together with the joint comments and any comments of the respective heads on the matters that concern their particular organization, shall be ready for submission to the competent organs of the organizations not later than six months after receipt of the Unit's report for consideration at the next meeting of the competent organs concerned.

* E/AC.51/2013/1.



3. At its organizational session, the Committee is invited to select one or more reports from the reports listed below, for consideration at its fifty-third session (see also items 2 and 5 of the annotated provisional agenda (E/AC.51/2013/1)):

(a) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Strategic planning in the United Nations system" (A/67/____) and the comments of the Secretary-General and of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon (A/67/____/Add.1);

(b) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Financing for humanitarian operations in the United Nations system" (A/67/____) and the comments of the Secretary-General and of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon (A/67/____/Add.1);

(c) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Evaluation of UN-Oceans" (A/67/400) and the comments of the Secretary-General and of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon (A/67/400/Add.1).